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(b) the amount of grant given by the Government to this institution in 1954 both in respect of running the Vidyalaya and the hostel?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) No, Sir. It had to be closed temporarily for about a week from the morning of the 8th February.

" (b) A sum of Rs. 20,523–14–0 was paid as boarding grants to the hostel attached to the Vidyalaya during 1954–55 by the Harijan Welfare Department. The amount of maintenance grant paid to the Vidyalaya during 1954 by the Industries Department was Rs. 3,000."

9-10 a.m. SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister what the reasons for the temporary closure were? This House was in session during that time and a number of pupils of the institution were here in this compound to represent the matter. Their education was discontinued for a short time. What action have the Government taken against the persons responsible for the temporary closure?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The Director of Harijan Welfare interceded on behalf of the students and he was able to resolve the situation. Therefore the question does not arise now."

Panchayat Board, Arumuganeri.

* 1981 Q.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member Sri S. T. Adityan is not present, the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI S. T. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) on what date a vacancy arose in the office of the President, Panchayat Board, Arumuganeri (Tirunelveli district), due to the election of the last incumbent as Vice-President of the District Board;

(b) whether the casual vacancy has been filled up by a fresh election; and

(c) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (a) The vacancy arose on 5th November 1954.

" (b) Yes, Sir.

" (c) Does not arise."

Appointment of Sarishtadar, District Magistrate's Court Tiruchirappalli.

* 1982 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a member of the Revenue Department was appointed as Sarishtadar of the District Magistrate's

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Court (Judicial), Tiruchirappalli, in contravention of the Service Rules and in contravention of the Hifh Court's Circulars ROC. No. 3123/51-52 C.I., dated 5th December 1952, and P. Dis. No. 693/52, dated 12th January 1953 and G.O. Ms. No. 1935, Public (Separation), dated 30th July 1952;

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor;

(*c*) whether similar appointment was made in any other place;

(*d*) whether the rules were modified, or amended or relaxed by the Government in favour of this officer and if so, whether a copy of the same will be placed on the Table of the House;

(*e*) whether the person appointed as Sarishtadar at Tiruchirappalli was on privilege leave from 21st to 31st December 1954; and

(*f*) whether even during the leave, he had full access to the files and records of the Judicial District Magistrate's office and toured the district with the Judicial Magistrate in connexion with official work?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) It is a fact that a member of the Revenue Department was appointed as the Sarishtadar of the District Magistrate's Court, Tiruchirappalli. With reference to the instructions which applied at the time of introduction of the scheme in any district and which provided for the absorption in the Judicial Department of persons in the Revenue Department who were suitable, competent and qualified for such appointments, the appointment in question was made in the Tiruchirappalli district at the time of introduction of the Separation of Judiciary from the Executive on 1st January 1955. The orders referred to by the member do not apply to this appointment which was made at the time of introduction of the scheme.

" (*c*) Yes, Sir. Such appointments were made in Malabar, South Kanara and Madurai districts also.

" (*d*) No, Sir.

" (*e*) The Sarishtadar was granted privilege leave from 21st to 31st December 1954. But at the instance of the District Magistrate, Tiruchirappalli, the Collector cancelled the leave with the consent of the Sarishtadar and placed his services at the disposal of the District Magistrate to assist him in connexion with the preliminary arrangements for the introduction of the Scheme of ' Separation ' in the Tiruchirappalli district.

" (*f*) The Sarishtadar was on duty for the period from 21st December 1954 to 31st December 1954. He worked and toured with the District Magistrate during that period. The office of the District Magistrate came into existence only on 1st January 1955 and therefore there was no possibility fo-

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the Sarishtadar to have had any access to the files and records of that office.''

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—'' Were the claims of any person overlooked in making appointment to the post of Sarishtadar at Tiruchirappalli and was any protest or complaint from anybody received by the Government? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' Not that I am aware of.''

Cashewnut cultivation.

* 1983 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the steps taken in regard to cashewnut cultivation with special reference to the following points :—

(i) to increase the quantity of cashewnut produced;

(ii) to improve the quality of cashewnut;

(iii) to increase the extent of lands under cashewnut cultivation; and

(iv) to see that the cultivator gets the maximum price?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' (i) to (iv) A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House.''

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—'' If the Indian Council of Agricultural Research gives financial aid for the control of the pests and diseases of cashewnut, will the Government see that a research station is opened in South Arcot district? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' If there is sufficient cultivation of cashewnut in the South Arcot district, Government will consider the need for establishing a research station in that district.''

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—'' Is the Hon. Minister aware of large scale import from African regions and will he take steps to prevent import so that production in the country may be encouraged? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' I would like to have notice.''

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—'' Cashewnut being an important product with great possibilities of development both internally and internationally, will the Government recommend to the Central Government the constitution of a cashewnut board on the same lines as the Coffee Board or the Tea Board? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' I would like to have notice.''

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a Printed as Appendix III on pages 668-669 infra.